

## ***Falmouth to Plymouth Rally 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August 2009***

This rally was arranged to coincide with the arrival of the “Fastnet Race” Yachts and the two days of the Plymouth National Fireworks Competition. For this rally we joined the Mylor Yacht Club, which has always been most welcoming to MOA members and they are a fun group to be with.

Most boats arrived on the Tuesday and viewed the first day of the fireworks from the hill side above the Yacht Haven. On Wednesday morning 21 of us toured the Plymouth Gin Factory, yes it is a factory and not a distillery as the 97% grain alcohol that is mixed with the botanicals is shipped in from

London. This was an interesting hour and I am sure that none of us will ever see gin in the same light again. For the evening, Dennis Barber, *Fair Zephyr* (M346), and based in Plymouth, arranged for the rally to have a meal and view the second day’s (finals) firework display in the Royal Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club. This is an excellent venue and the view from the veranda was the best in town. We are all very grateful to Dennis for hosting us and to the Vice Commodore of the RPCYC for making us so welcome.



Since the RPCYC is just below the Hoe and across the bay from the Yacht Haven, Dennis arranged for the Mount Baton Ferry to divert to the marine to collect the rally and to return in the evening. This was most welcome as a swim across the harbour at 1115 was not a thought that many relished. Again, Dennis, thank you on behalf of us all for your hospitality and forethought.

I am sure that this event will be on our programme for 2010.

Many of the boats dispersed on Thursday morning, some returning to Falmouth and other continuing East.

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